

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Previously Presented) A battery unit comprising:

- a plurality of battery cells each having a pair of lead plates;
 - a holding plate on which said plurality of battery cells are attached; and
 - a common circuit board which is separate from said holding plate,
- wherein said pairs of lead plates of said plurality of battery cells are connected to said common circuit board.

Claims 2 - 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) The battery unit according to claim 1, wherein said pairs of lead plates lead in parallel out from a plane along a bottom surface of said plurality of battery cells.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) The battery unit according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of battery cells are thin battery cells.

Claims 9 – 11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) The battery unit according to claim 1, wherein said pairs of lead plates of said plurality of battery cells are arranged alternatively as positive lead plates and negative lead plates.

Claims 13 – 26 (Canceled)

Claim 27 (New) A battery unit comprising:

- a plurality of battery cells each having a pair of lead plates;
- a holding plate on which cases of said plurality of battery cells are attached; and
- a common circuit board which is separate from said holding plate,

wherein said pairs of lead plates of said plurality of battery cells are connected to said common circuit board.

Claim 28 **(New)** The battery unit according to claim 1, wherein said holding plate has a slit positioned between a pair of said plurality of battery cells.

Claim 29 **(New)** The battery unit according to claim 27, wherein said holding plate has a slit positioned between a pair of said plurality of battery cells.

Claim 30 **(New)** The battery unit according to claim 1, wherein said pair of lead plates are flexible.

Claim 31 **(New)** The battery unit according to claim 27, wherein said pair of lead plates are flexible.

Claim 32 **(New)** The battery unit according to claim 1, wherein the number of said holding plate is only one.

Claim 33 **(New)** The battery unit according to claim 27, wherein the number of said holding plate is only one.